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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

A Final Office Action was issued on November 28, 2007 in the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire three (3) months after the mailing of the Final Office Action, *i.e.*, on February 28, 2007. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136, an additional three (3) month extension of time from February 28, 2007, up to and including May 28, 2007 is requested to file the Notice of Appeal submitted concurrently herewith. A credit card payment form authorizing payment of extension fee in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed in view of the small entity status of the application.

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